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Karl Kurtz, Director  
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
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**Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment #06-012**

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

On May 8, 2006, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare submitted a state plan amendment, transmittal #06-012, to establish a basic alternative benefit package for Elders and/or Individuals who are Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid under section 6044 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The State has given assurances that this coverage will be provided in accordance with economy and efficiency principles, and also that the State will continue to comply with all other provisions of the Social Security Act in the administration of the State plan.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved this amendment for the purposes of federal financial participation effective October 1, 2006. Approval of this state plan amendment is limited to the scope of the submitted benefit provision and does not constitute approval of any change in reimbursement methodologies, new reimbursement methodologies, or change in the sources of non-Federal share funding utilized by the State to make such Medicaid payments.

If you have additional questions or require further assistance, please contact Karen S. O'Connor, Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health, at 206-615-2330 or at [Karen.Oconnor@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Karen.Oconnor@cms.hhs.gov), or you may contact Gary Jackson, Health Insurance Specialist, at 410-786-1218, or at [Gary.Jackson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Gary.Jackson@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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cc: David Rogers, Administrator  
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